(2) Yes. The shallow portion of the backwaters are mainly towards the approach to the ferry jetty at Ernakulam. To avoid the inconvenience the construction of a jetty where water is naturally deep is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Vide answer above.

Petition–inhabitants of Kuttur, &c., Villages.

437. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the inhabitants of Kuttur, Choolisseri and Avanur villages in the Mulakunnathukavu constituency had petitioned the Government to have the Kottekat road branching off from the Trichur—Shoranur road at Viyyoor connected with the Trichur—Kunnamkulam road at Mundur;

(b) whether sanctioning this request a bridge and embankment in the cause way between Varadium and Kottekat have already been constructed in 1105;

(c) whether petitions were not received for completing this connection by connecting the terminus of the Panchayat road from Mundur to Varadium with this embankment on one side and by connecting the terminus of the Kottekat road with this embankment on the other side;

(d) were not these prayers granted and did not the Chief Engineer conduct the necessary survey and prepare an estimate for this;

(e) was not provision made for this work in the departmental budget for 1107;

(f) why was this important and partly finished work not included in the final budget for 1107;

(g) can this be undertaken from any saving effected in other works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

(f) Due to lack of funds.

(g) Not possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(g) Will the Government be pleased to provide for this at least in the next year's budget, this half-done work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will be provided for if funds permit.

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